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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF DECEMBER 31, 2007  
(37 CFR §1.116)**

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Following is a Response to the Final Office Action dated December 31, 2007. This Response is accompanied by a concurrently-filed Request for Continued Examination.

**Petition for Extension of Time to Respond**

The period for response is hereby extended THREE months to expire JUNE 30, 2008 by this Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time. Payment of the appropriate petition fee of \$525 (37 CFR §1.17) accompanies this Response.

I certify that this paper is being electronically submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office via the EFS-Web system on the following date:

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